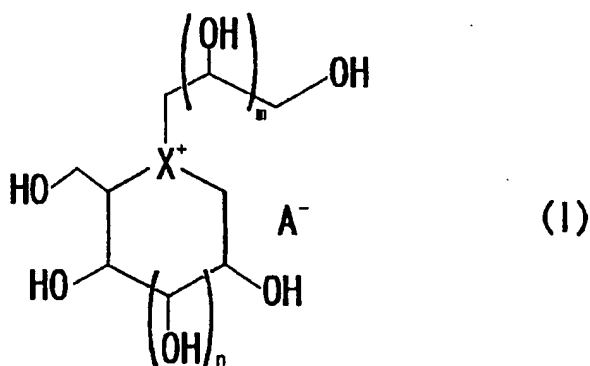


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following claim listing, marked to show deletions and additions, will replace all prior claim listings

1. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds represented by the following structural formula (I)



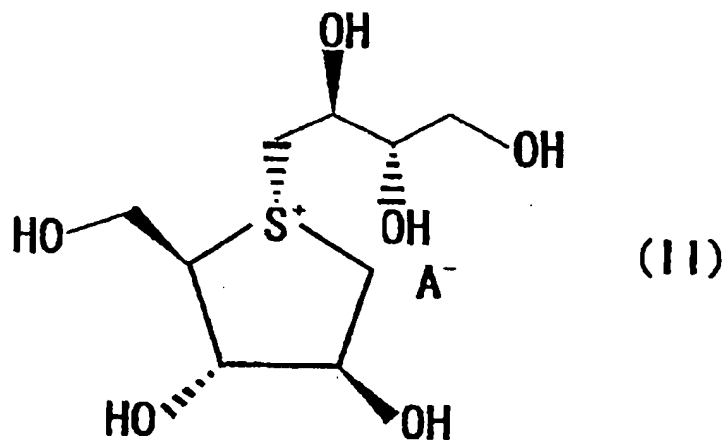
wherein  $A^-$  is an anion;  $m$  is an integer between 1 and 6,  $n$  is 0 or 1, and  $X^+$  is  $S^+$  or  $N^+Q$  (where  $Q$  is H or an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

2. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 1 wherein  $m$  is 2 or 5 and  $n$  is 0.

3. (*Cancelled*)

4. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds represented by the following

structural formula (II):



wherein  $A^-$  is an anion.

5. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to any of claims 1, 2, or 4 wherein  $A^-$  is selected from the group consisting of halogen ions, Lewis acid ions,  $R^1-SO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^1$  is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or an alkyl halide), and  $R^2-OSO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^2$  is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

6. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 1 wherein  $A^-$  is selected from the group consisting of halogen ions, anions originating from Lewis acid,  $R^1-SO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^1$  is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or an alkyl halide), or  $R^2-OSO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^2$  is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

7. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 5 wherein A<sup>-</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>-OSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or Cl<sup>-</sup>.

8. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 6 wherein A<sup>-</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>-OSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or Cl<sup>-</sup>.

9. - 14. (*Cancelled*)

15. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing a glucosidase inhibitor according to any of claims 1, 2 Or 4 ~~claim 9~~.

16. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 1 ~~10~~.

17. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 5 ~~11~~.

18. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 6 ~~12~~.

19. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 5 ~~13~~.

20. (*Original*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 8 14.

21. (*New*) The cyclic onium compound of claim 1 wherein m is an integer between 2 and 5.